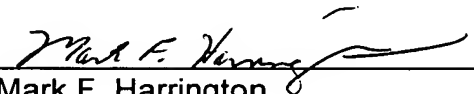


REMARKS

This amendment cancels claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer, removes multiple dependencies from the claims, and places the abstract in U.S. filing format. New claims 31-42 have been added. The amendment was not made for reasons related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claims, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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